



PNP CYCLING CLUB:

TRACK CYCLING ANNUAL REPORT 2026

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2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- Sixth year of the four-race Wellington Cup format, plus we ran a Spring Carnival, Junior Carnival and Grand Prix Carnival as standalone events.
- A visit from Olympian Nicole Shields in November who joined a session with the junior riders and gave a talk about her experiences.
- PNP hosted a meeting at the clubrooms with most of Wellington's cycling groups getting together to connect and socialise.
- Zac Prendergast gave a talk after a race meeting with stories about his career including commissairing at the Tour de France.
- Attendance at larger race meets were similar to 2024-25 with an average of 33.8 riders racing including a huge 47 at the Laykold Cup Carnival. Junior numbers remained strong with most of our rental bikes snapped up for the whole season.



OUR BACKERS

Burkes Cycles - 14th year in a row sponsoring our events

Zeal Commercial Interiors - have backed our racing for over a decade and now sponsor the Junior Carnival

Flashclad - title sponsors of the Wellington Cup R2 which included the Laykold Cup, Ponake Plate and Stayers Cup races

Tineli - clothing sponsor for seventh year running providing limited edition winners' jerseys

Bedpost - Bedpost were title sponsors for the Wellington Cup R3 for a fifth year

Resolute Construction - returning for 2025-26, backing the opening Spring Carnival

Wheelworks Handcrafted Wheels - long time supporter of the Grand Prix Carnival, Wheelworks stepped up to carnival title sponsor for 2025-26

Grand Prix Carnival - a further three sponsors, Pat Crowe Rishworth Bike Fitting, Threshold Construction and NZ Bike Spray, provided additional support

In the background... A volunteer crew of over 20 help make our season run, from officiating races, coaching riders to organising and supporting the riders travelling to national championships



RACING SUMMARY

The Wellington Cup series, now in its sixth year, proved a great drawcard and some extremely high quality racing.

Attendance at these events was marginally up, with a growing proportion of riders from Wellington as opposed to visiting riders from other centres.

Junior numbers are strong, and attendance at February's junior carnival was solid at 21, all of whom were based in Wellington.

Local riders picked up the major honours at the flagship event, the Laykold Cup Carnival, again one of the highlights of the summer with a huge 47 riders attending.

We had large contingents of riders attending events across the Lower North Island in Whanganui and Levin.



RESULTS

Wellington Cup Winners

Men: Dan Shephard

Women: Ele Pepperell

Under 19 boys: Oscar Stoltz

Under 19 girls: Izzy Stagg

Under 17 boys: Kingsley McGuigan

Under 15 boys: Sam McNaughtan

Under 15 girls: Amelia Burkhart

Under 13 boys: Thomas Burns

Under 11 boys: Otto Lawery

Under 11 girls: Isabella Crump

Sprint Ace

Women: Ele Pepperell

Men: Dan Shepherd

Most Improved Rider

Senior: Andrew Burns

Junior: Gus Warren

Laykold Cup Carnival

Open Laykold Cup: Simon Barron

Women's Poneke Plate: Ele Pepperell

Masters' Stayers' Cup: Mark Coburn

New track records

Flying 200m TT Under 9 boys: Gordie Wood 21.44

Flying 200m TT Under 15 boys: Kingsley McGuigan 12.9

500M TT Under 9 boys: Gordie Wood 54.71

500m TT Under 15 boys: Kingsley McGuigan 38.88

1000m TT Under 15 boys: Kingsley McGuigan 1.19.84

2000m IP Under 15 boys: Kingsley McGuigan 2.48.47

2000m IP Under 17 boys: Oscar Stoltz 2.36.71

INSIGHTS

33.8

Average attendance at Wellington Cup and Carnival events - down slightly on 2025 but still up on 2024

80%

Male

69%

Seniors

20%

Female

31%

Juniors

2

Club racing (non-cup events) cancelled due to rain

1

Crash at Wellington Cups or Carnival events

18

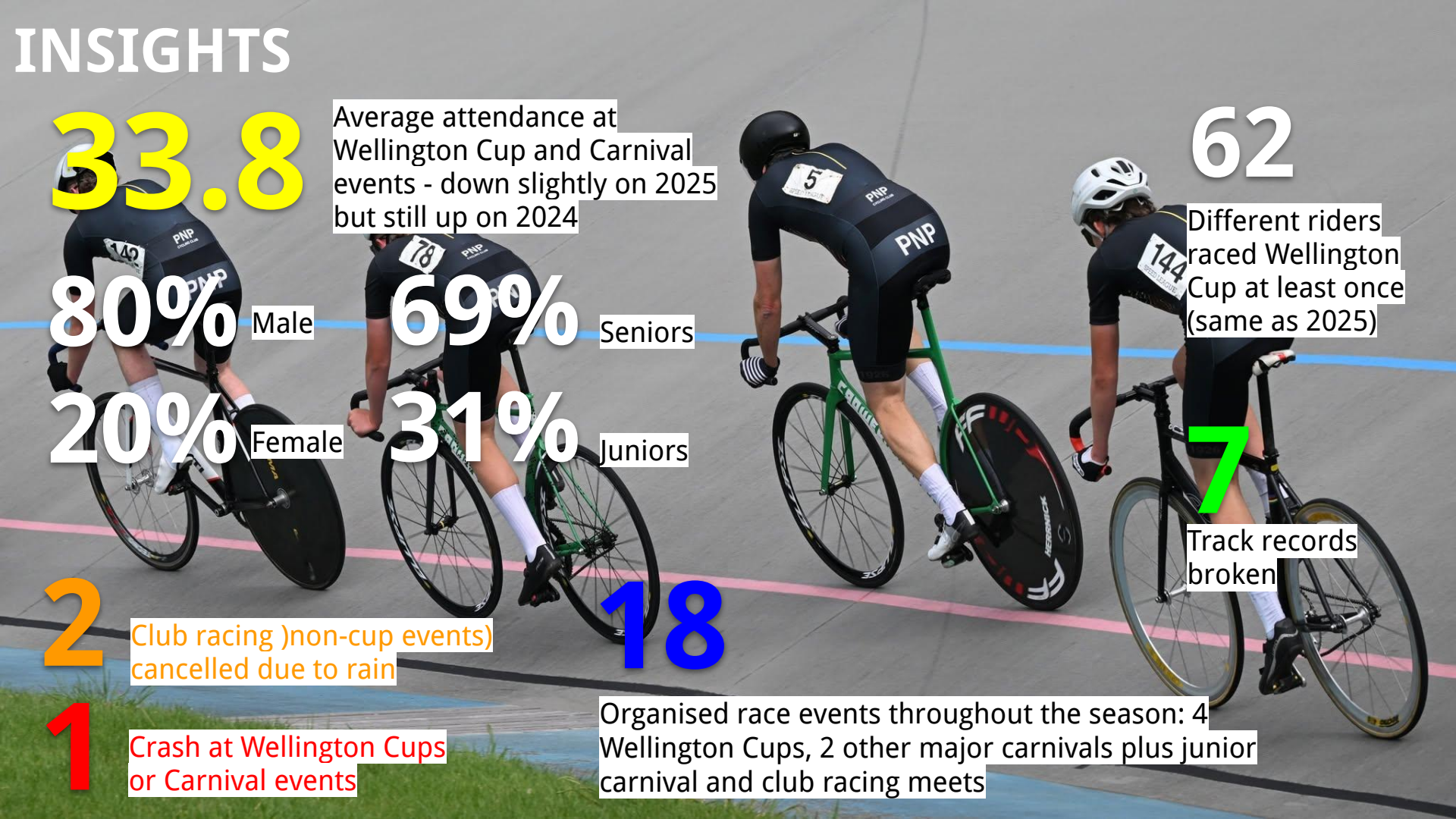
Organised race events throughout the season: 4 Wellington Cups, 2 other major carnivals plus junior carnival and club racing meets

62

Different riders raced Wellington Cup at least once (same as 2025)

7

Track records broken



TRACK USE AND TRAINING

- The track was used five days a week over summer for training and racing by different groups, and age groups.
- Overall numbers were up after last season's dip, reflecting a longer term upward trend.
- Numbers of young riders have grown significantly thanks to the efforts of our Junior Coordinator and Coach. A large proportion of riders attend training sessions however choose not to take part in the weekend racing.
- Fortnightly motorpaced 'pain train' workouts were interspersed with coached endurance sessions and scratch racing on Thursday evenings.
- Open rookie sessions continued to be popular with many riders learning the skills and confidence to come along to weekly racing.

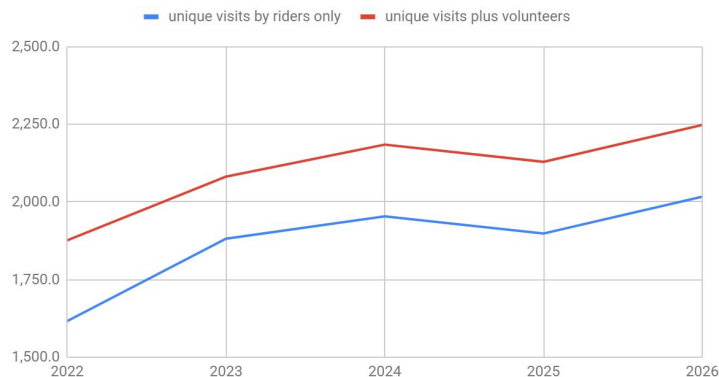
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unique visits by riders
during the 2025-26
season

2247

unique visits by riders
and volunteers during
the 2025-26 season

Unique visits by season 2022-2026

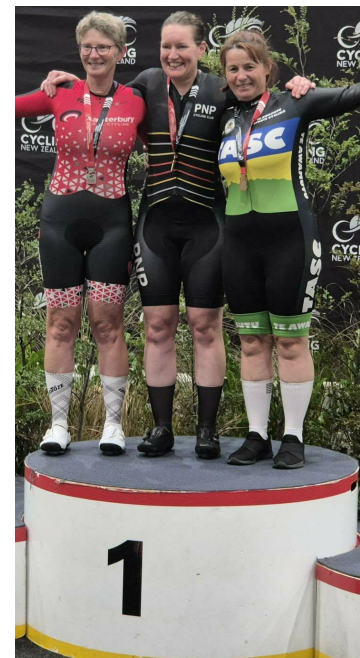


CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BIG EVENTS

A team of seven riders and two helpers travelled to the newly combined Elite, Junior and Masters National Track Championships in Invercargill in March.

The team won over 10 medals between them including three golds (two for Nick Warren, 500m TT and Keirin, and Renita Vanderhelm, 500m TT) and racking up a number of personal best performances.

Wellington riders travelled to other major events around the country, including the Levin Cup, Northern Cup in Cambridge and Rivercity Wheelrace in Whanganui.



PROMO AND SOCIAL

- Total views of 116.8k on Facebook posts, photos and videos from July 2025 to June 2026. There were a further 28.3k views via our Instagram channel.
- Approximately 168 posts on both Facebook and Instagram during the season (including stories). Facebook page currently has over 1.4k followers, Instagram 458.
- 19 track newsletters from July 2025 to June 2026 to 322 subscribers, plus regular features in PNP Weekly news to 2000 subscribers.
- Leaflets printed and distributed to sites around Wellington. Cross promotions with WUU2K and WORD groups.
- Continued excellent relationship with local hobby photographers who attended large events and provided us with reams of high quality images for use in promotion and for sponsors.



PNP CYCLING CLUB WELLINGTON VELODROME

Burkes CYCLES

THRESHOLD CONSTRUCTION

SerialPsychist

Patrick Crowe Rishworth Bike Fitting

BURKES CYCLES

GRAND PRIX CARNIVAL

22 Mar

9.15am sign on / warm up
10am racing

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WELLINGTON CUP **ROUND 4**

22 Feb

9.15am sign on / warm up
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PNP at the Wellington Velodrome
25 March · 🌐

BURKES CYCLES GRAND PRIX WRAP - STOLTZ WINS MEMORIAL POINTS RACE

A terrific end to the season for the Burkes Cycles Grand Prix at Wellington Velodrome on 22 March 2026, with Oscar Stoltz winning the longest race of the year, the gruelling Peter Burke Memorial Points race.

At 48 laps (10 miles in old money) and points sprints every 12 laps, the race is a gruelling test. Under 19 rider Stoltz scored well in the initial three sprints, but emptied the tank to cross the line first on the last lap to score double points and secure the victory over defending champion Simon Barron.

Meanwhile Thomas Burns almost managed a clean sweep in D grade with three wins, Axel Crump winning the Points Race.

Vince Smart won the hectic C grade Sprinters Points Race, while Thomas Woodward took out the Longest Lap and 9 Lap Points Race.

Ele Pepperell and Bella Uivel were the protagonists in the B grade Sprinters Scratch, with Andrew Burns victorious in the Longest Lap.

Kudos to the team who ran a great event on the day: Chris B, Chris T, Allan T, Dan M, Aaron and the Staggs.

Huge gratitude to our sponsors for this event:

- Burkes Cycles
- Threshold Construction
- Serial Psychist
- Patrick Crowe Rishworth Bike Fitting

Thank you to Jeff Mein Smith for his wonderful photography.

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PNP at the Wellington Velodrome created an event.
27 November 2025 · 🌐



CORPORATE TRADES LAYKOLD CUP

Sun, 7 Dec 2025
Corporate Trades Laykold Cup
Hataitai Park, Ruahine St, Wellington, New Zealand 6021
Mark, Daniel and 11 friends

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Comment as Nick

SPECIAL GUEST

NICOLE SHIELDS

@the
WHEELWORKS

Wellington Cup **ROUND 1**

Kids' training session
with Nicole @ 9:30am!

THE FUTURE

- We launch the season in September with an open day to attract new riders. Training sessions begin in October and racing kicks off on 11 October with the Spring Carnival.

Our goals:

- To maintain our training and coaching offering and continue to grow numbers.
- Emphasise the part PNP Cycling Club plays to the cycling community, including continuing to link the value we provide to club membership.
- As well as open days, host schools have-a-go sessions to bring in more new riders, especially juniors.
- Explore paracycling opportunities.



2026-27 CALENDAR

The big events for the upcoming season, with club racing and loads of training in between!

Saturday 19 September 9am to 5pm - Open day

Sunday 11 Oct 9am to 2pm - Spring Classic Carnival

Sunday 22 Nov 9am to 2pm - Wellington Cup R1

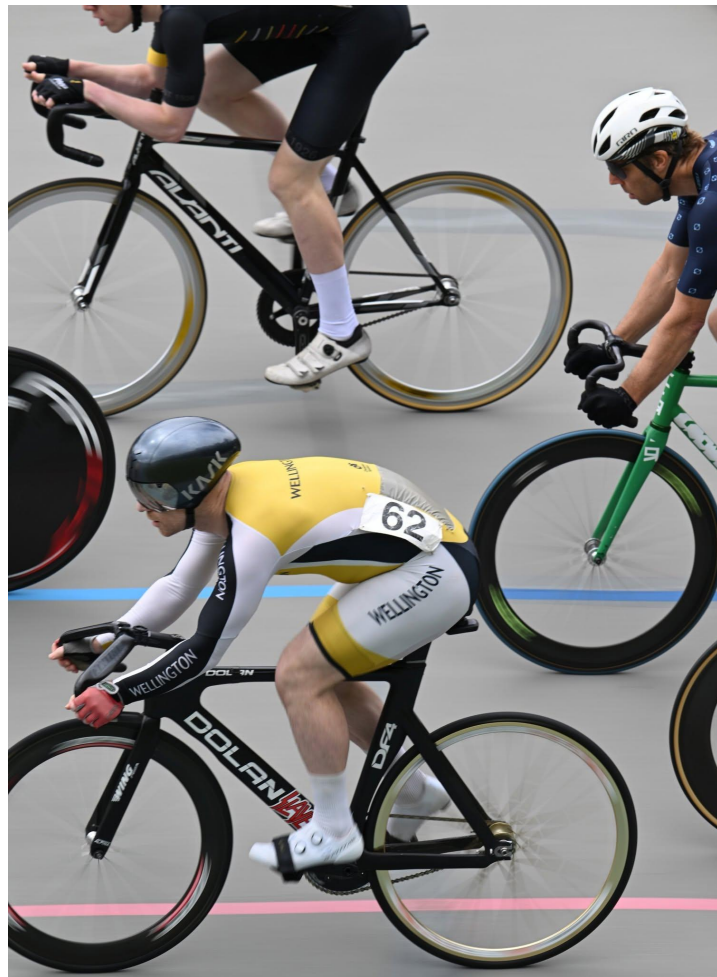
Saturday 5 Dec 9am to 2pm - Wellington Cup R2 (Laykold Cup Carnival)

Sunday 31 Jan 9am to 2pm - Wellington Cup R3

Sunday 7 Feb 9am to 2pm - Junior Carnival

Sunday 14 Feb 9am to 2pm - Wellington Cup R4

Sunday 14 Mar 9am to 2pm - Grand Prix Carnival

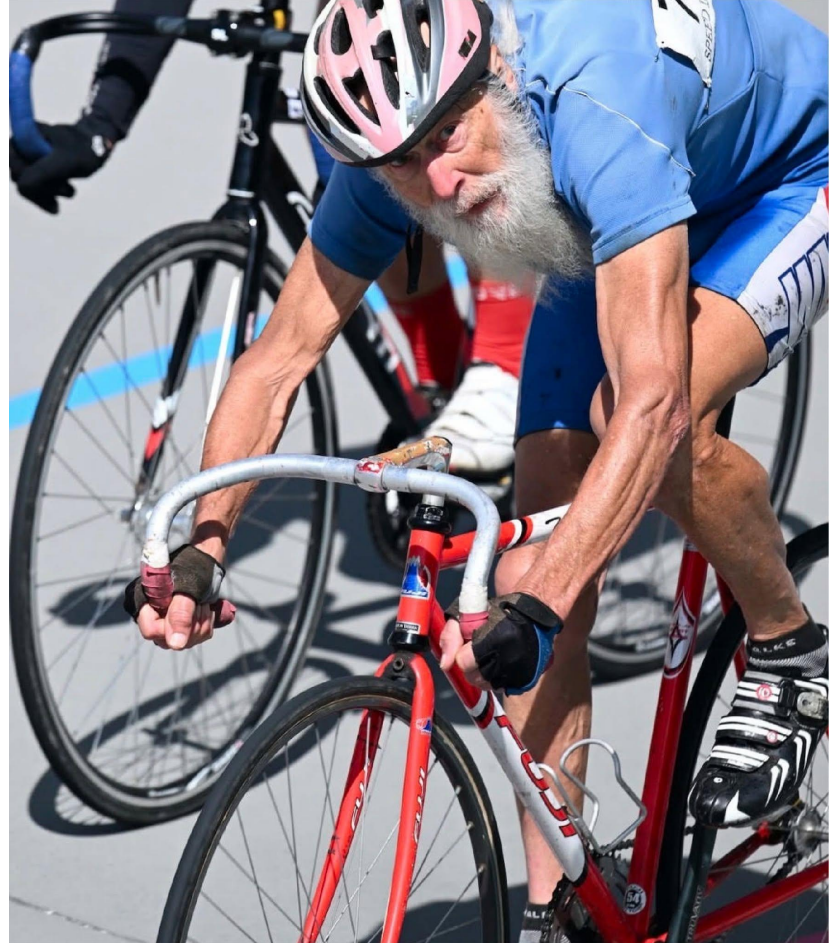


LAWRIE FARRINGTON

Sadly we lost one of our most consistent participants and much loved characters in May 2026 season, Lawrie Farrington.

A photographer's favourite with his long white beard, Lawrie had been a regular at the Wellington Velodrome since track racing was revived in the early 2000s.

Although unable to compete over the past couple of seasons due to a crash and then illness, Lawrie will be fondly remembered and sorely missed when the new season starts up in October.



A photograph of track cyclists in a starting position. In the foreground, a female cyclist with blonde hair tied back, wearing a white POC helmet and a black jersey with the number 33, is leaning forward. Behind her, another cyclist is partially visible with the number 133. To the right, a man in a black and orange shirt and a tan bucket hat is looking down. In the immediate foreground, the back of a female cyclist's head is visible, wearing a white KASK helmet and a black jersey with the number 4 and 'SPEED LEAGUE' text. The background shows a chain-link fence and a brick wall.

THANKS!

Your support for track racing in
Wellington has been amazing - thank you!

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